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Gulf Conflict

Iraqi naval units "accurately and effectively" hit a "medium-sized maritime target" leaving the Iranian Nowruz oil fields, Baghdad Voice of the Masses radio reported citing an Iraqi military spokesman. The attack followed two earlier ones on the same day reported by Baghdad radio. In the first, Iraqi naval forces "hit and destroyed" four "hostile maritime targets" near Bandar-e Khomeyni port, according to an Iraqi military communique broadcast by the radio. In the second attack, the Iraqi Air Force carried out a "successful air strike" against a "maritime target" near Khark Island, according to an Iraqi military spokesman's statement broadcast by the radio. None of the attacks have been mentioned by monitored Iranian media.

Iran

Hijacking foiled — Four "terrorists" attempting to hijack an internal flight were defeated by "preplanned measures," Tehran radio reported. The four were arrested after two of them were wounded in the incident, the radio added. The would-be hijackers later declared that they were members of the "outlawed" Mojahedin-e Khalq group, IRNA noted. Meanwhile, a government spokesman stated that Iraq's intention not to return any hijacked planes is an "overt contravention" of international laws and encourages "terrorism and kidnapping and disturbing the peace," Tehran radio reported. The spokesman criticized international organizations for their laxity in confronting Iraq's actions.

Diplomacy — Pakistani Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Ali Khan departed Tehran at the end of his 2-day visit, during which he met with the prime minister, foreign minister, Majlis speaker, and other high-ranking officials, IRNA reported.

Lebanon

Cabinet Meeting — The Cabinet decided at its meeting to hold "conclaves" between various ministers, Prime Minister Rashid Karami announced in a statement broadcast by Beirut radio. The conclaves will begin in Bikfayya on 17 September, and will have an "open agenda" that includes all political and security issues, Karami added.

IDF Deaths — An IDF soldier was killed and another wounded in an attack near An-Nabatiyah, Jerusalem radio reported,citing the IDF spokesman. In a related development, another IDF soldier died from wounds sustained in an attack on 10 September near the eastern town of Maghdushah, the radio noted.

Israel

Alignment leader Shim'on Peres and Likud leader Prime Minister Yitzhaq Shamir "successfully" completed negotiations, and the coalition agreement establishing a national unity government will be presented to the Knesset on 13 September, Jerusalem radio reported. In a related development, the Alignment's Shlomo Hilel was elected Knesset speaker by a 60-46 vote, the radio noted.

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Kabul Reception Welcomes Ziya Nuriyev

LD122324 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1530 GMT 12 Sep 84

[Excerpt] A reception was given this evening in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs by the DRA Council of Ministers in honor of Ziya Nuriyevich Nuriyev, member of CPSU Central Committee and vice chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers.

Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand, member of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo and chairman of the DRA Council of Ministers, some members of the Politburo and Secretariat of the party's Central Committee, some members of the Central Committee, vice chairmen and members of the DRA Council of Ministers, some high-ranking party and government officials, and Fikryat Akhmadzhanovic Tabeyev, the USSR ambassador in Kabul, took part in the reception.

Ziya Nuriyevich Nuriyev, who has come to Kabul at the head of a delegation, visited the construction work of the Central Committee's new social science institute installations this morning to see its progress.

Counterrevolutionaries Fighting Among Themselves

LD121629 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 12 Sep 84

[Text] The inhuman actions and foul aims of the counterrevolutionary elements have prepared grounds for extensive hostilities and clashes. Even efforts by the militarists and reaction, headed by U.S. imperialism, to bring about a consensus among the counterrevolutionary bands' leaders and to prevent such hostilities and clashes have failed because their faces are completely exposed and their intentions are known. The bands and groups are at each others' throats, murdering and terrorizing one another.

On the 11th of the current month [as heard], members of the band of Gulbuddin exploded a bomb in a bus carrying members of the so-called three group alliance [Gaylani, Mojadedi, and Mohammadi], as a result of which 14 members of the band were killed and a number of others were wounded.

According to another report, discontent among the tribal people against the Pakistani militarists is on the increase. For example, a few days ago the tribal people in Mero and Hayder Abad set fire to a number of motor vehicles in condemnation of the treatment of their leaders by the Pakistani Government. A number of people were injured in the incident.

Pakistan 'Military Machine' Aids Afghan Rebels

LD120535 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0421 GMT 12 Sep 84

[Text] Kabul, September 11, BAKHTAR — A political observer of BIA writes:

The relations of the military regime of Pakistan with the DRA and its people are based on unfair activities of fanning up the undeclared war of counter-revolutionary, international imperialism and regional reaction against the DRA. Islamabad tries hard to accuse peace-loving Afghanistan of increasing tension in the region.

There are plenty and undeniable facts in this sphere, one of which is the adventuristic and baseless hues and cries of the Pakistani military regime, which was clearly staged before the beginning of the periodical talks of Geneva for finding a political solution of the issues around Afghanistan, claiming as if the residential localities of Pakistan has become the target of the artillery of the DRA.

The main aim of such hues and cries is fully clear. It is aimed to shift the responsibility of the existing tensions in the region from their shoulders to ours.

Under such circumstances the territory of Pakistan is used [words indistinct] of misleading propaganda by Washington, Beijing, Islamabad against the DRA. Its territory is also used for the installation of the camps of Afghan counterrevolutionary bands. These bandits are given military training for using up-to-date weapons including heavy weapons, the use of which are banned by the United Nations.

For instance, two new training centres of counterrevolutionaries were set up in Srabgodh and Abbas (Ghcndi) in addition to the already established tens of such centres and camps of Jallal Zai and Azak Khail in Teri Matan, (Gaherat), Bolam Khan, Burma (Zormat Baghore) and other regions in the spring of the current Afghan year begun March 20, 1984. In every one of these obnoxious nests of counter-revolution, thousands of wicked and destructive elements are being trained by the notorious hands of foreign instructors as well as Pakistanis.

For example, about two thousand counter-revolutionaries are being given military training in Machak camp and four thousand of them in Shahi Bagh camp.

But it is not enough for counter-revolution and their backers. The military regime of Pakistan in manifesting its special interest to the sworn enemies of Afghan people, is putting at their disposal the service of its military machine.

The best proof of the ever-increasing joint efforts between the counter-revolutionary groupings entrenched in the territory of Pakistan and the Armed Forces of Pakistani military regime is the transferring of about twenty arms and ammunition dumps of Pakistani Armed Forces to the counter-revolution. Moreover, another vivid example in this sphere is the direct training of a number of groups of the counter-revolution in the framework of the Armed Forces of Pakistan.

Thus, tens of thousands of killers are trained, and are being transferred by the Pakistani military regime to the territory of Afghanistan for destruction, arson and killing.

But the valorous people of the revolutionary Afghanistan and of its Armed Forces are heroically defending the gains of their revolution and never allow anyone to deceive the workers of their free and democratic Afghanistan from the gains of their harsh and long class struggle.

August Soviet Air Raid on Refugees Reported

BK130642 Hong Kong AFP in English 0633 GMT 13 Sep 84

[Text] Islamabad, Sept 13 (AFP) — A Soviet air raid north of the Panjsher valley last month killed at least 56 fleeing Afghan refugees, a French newsman reported here today.

Patrick de Saint-Exupery said that a column of about 500 Afghan civilians, mainly women, children and old people from the Kuchi Nomad tribe, was attacked in the Kotal-e-Shamar pass on 18 [as received] by four Soviet MIG-21 planes which dropped bombs and fired rockets.

Mr de Saint-Exupery, a correspondent for the Paris-based evening newspaper *FRANCE-SOIR*, reported that the planes made four attacks on the column, which included 1,000 sheep, horses, camels and donkeys. Thirty-six people were killed instantly in the attacks, and 20 were known to have died of wounds later.

The French correspondent went back to the scene of the air raid on September 1 and saw that the dead had been buried together in a bomb crater. Women's blood-stained clothes were littered about as well as the bodies of animals.

The Kuchis, who come from north Afghanistan, were making their way to Pakistan where they planned to settle. There are already over two million Afghan refugees in Pakistan, and 1,500,000 in Iran.

Karmal Greets New Hungarian Ambassador

LD120343 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0542 GMT 11 Sep 84

[Text] Kabul, September 10 BAKHTAR — Babrak Karmal, general secretary of PDPA CC and president of Revolutionary Council of the DRA, today received Dr Gyorgy Varga, new ambassador of Hungarian People's Republic to the DRA. He presented his credentials to Babrak Karmal during this meeting. Dr Gyorgy Varga, born on November 17, 1938, has a doctorate degree in law. He served as a diplomat in Hungarian Embassy in Poland from 1969 to 1974 and as a president in the office of Hungarian foreign minister from [year indistinct] to 1984.

Kabul Radio Programs Carry Citizens' Complaints

8 September

LD121105 [Editorial Report] Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto and Dari at 1035 GMT on 8 September 1984 carries a 55-minute program called: "Radio, Voice of the People" — a phone-in program in which members of the public are asked to phone in between 1000 and 1200 local time "every day except Friday and public holidays," to voice complaints and make suggestions.

The program begins with a signature tune, followed by an opening announcement introducing the program, followed by more music. The program has two announcers, a man and a woman, who generally take turns reading the listeners' complaints. Between each group of complaints there is a musical interlude.

Complaints mentioned during this program are: Fertile saplings should be planted in a Kabul park; an extra bus stop should be installed on the road to Jangalak factory; less music should be played on the program; an extra public phone booth should be installed in a district of Kabul City; the small airfield in Konarha Province should be enlarged; silos should be left open after 1600 so that distribution can take place; rubbish has been allowed to accumulate outside someone's house; bus conductors are being nasty to children; another caller complains about faulty phone booths; bus conductors are overcharging passengers; a suggestion is made to modify a bus route.

The program ends with more music.

9 September

LD121115 [Editorial Report] Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto and Dari at 1035 GM on 9 September 1984 carries the scheduled "Radio, Voice of the People" phone-in program.

Interspersed between musical interludes, listeners phone in with the following complaints: A shortage of drinking water in Khayr Khana Mina, Kabul City; a request for a public phone booth in a Kabul neighborhood; buses are not stopping at bus stops; buses should travel more frequently on certain routes; mailmen are asking for tips to deliver letters; further complaints are made about bus schedules; Kabul University students complain that there is only one public phone booth at the university, serving 4,000 students; a shortage of text books in some schools is noted; a radio station broadcasting in Baghlan Province does not carry enough music; a certain Kabul street is blocked by street vendors; Kabul radio should carry more songs by Ahmad Zaher; there is a lack of hot water and overcharging at the public baths; the Kabul bus service is unsatisfactory; a traffic warden should help children cross the road outside schools; a movie theater is dirty; some bakers are baking poor quality bread; the road outside one listener's house needs to be repaired; taxi drivers are overcharging.

The program ends with more music.

10 September

LD121120 [Editorial Report] Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto and Dari at 1035 GMT on 10 September 1984 carries the scheduled "Radio, Voice of the People" phone-in program.

Interspersed between musical interludes, listeners phone in with the following complaints: Helmand movie theater is not showing enough movies; a shelter should be erected at Kabul University bus stop and a phone booth installed there; there are no public phone booths in Jowzjan Province; the only movie theater in Takhar Province is not working;

A correspondent for the program then interviews a Kabul municipal official about a lack of hot water in public baths in Kabul and overcharging there; the official says the situation will be remedied.

Additional complaints are: Russian and English language courses should be made available in Baghlan Province to help students; there are additional complaints about the shortage of public phone booths; water pipes are not functional in Khayr Khana Mina; a building has been constructed illegally causing inconvenience for dwellers — a program correspondent phones a Kabul municipal official who says the complaint will be investigated; school students should not be allowed to visit movie theaters on weekdays because they are missing school; bakers are not baking good quality bread.

The program ends with more music.

12 September

LD121511 [Editorial Report] Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto and Dari at 1035 GMT on 12 September carries the scheduled "Radio, Voice of the People" program.

Interspersed with musical interludes, listeners' letters are read complaining about the following: City buses do not stop in front of the Feroshgah-e Afghan; a certain music program is only broadcast on television on Friday evenings; Kabul City bus services are usually late and routes could be improved; the "Radio, Voice of the People" program should comprise 1 or 2 days of interviews with listeners and another 2 days of listeners letters — the announcer says that these proposals will be forwarded to the Radio Afghanistan authorities.

A joint letter from schoolgirls complains of lack of public telephones in the city — their letter is to be brought to the attention of the Communications Ministry. A joint letter from listeners in Taloqan asks the relevant authorities to provide coupon goods which are scarce at the moment.

Further complaints include: Bus drivers drive too fast in Kabul; some doctors' clinics in Qonduz are very dirty; medicines in some chemists are very expensive.

The program continues with listeners phone-in complaints: Street lighting in Khayr Khana Mena is bad; some suburbs of Kabul have no electricity because the houses have been built outside the city plan, and they also have no roads or other facilities — the announcer states that this case will be taken up with the construction department and Kabul municipality.

The program concludes with more music.

Gandhi Presides Over Meeting on Chinese Talks

BK121627 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 12 Sep 84

[Text] The brief for the Indian delegation for next week's Sino-India border talks in Beijing was finalized at a top-level meeting in the External Affairs Ministry today. The prime minister, Mrs Gandhi, presided. Among those present were the chairman of the policy planning committee, Mr G. Parthasarthy, and Mr Natwar Singh, secretary, East [Eastern affairs], who will be leading the delegation.

The talks, which will be the fifth round of bilateral discussions on the border and other issues, are beginning in the Chinese capital on Monday [17 September].

Andhra Pradesh Assembly Speaker Resigns

BK130750 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0730 GMT 13 Sep 84

[Text] The pro tem speaker of the Andhra Pradesh assembly, Mr Baga Reddy, has resigned from his post. On the 3d day today when the assembly met, noisy scenes were witnessed when some members raised a point of order. The pro tem speaker appealed for order and said it is not possible to continue the business in a disorderly manner. He said he has never witnessed such unprecedented scenes in his 22 years of experience. He told the house that he does not want to become a party to such incidents and retired to his chamber after adjourning the house.

Later he told newsmen in his chamber that he has sent in his resignation. The pro tem speaker, who is a patient of hypertension, said he is not keeping well since yesterday.

Meanwhile, curfew was relaxed in Hyderabad for 2 hours from 0800 in some localities. People came out in large numbers to buy essential commodities. A police spokesman said relaxation was incident free. The Army held route marches in the curfew-relaxed localities. Curfew will be relaxed in four police station areas, including Abid, from the evening for about 4 hours.

New Speaker Appointed

BK131257 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 13 Sep 84

[Text] The Andhra Pradesh governor has appointed a new pro tem speaker for the state assembly. He is Mr Sultan Salauddin Oiwasi, the leader of the Majlis Ittehadul Muslimeen, in the assembly. As already reported, the previous pro tem speaker, Mr Baga Reddy, resigned shortly after the house met and panademonium broke out once again. The assembly was unable to transact any business for the 3d day today. The motion of confidence in the Bhaskara Rao ministry was the second item of the day in the agenda after the condolence motion on the death of a sitting member. Our Hyderabad correspondent says that Mr Baga Reddy did not specify the period of adjournment of the house. Our correspondent adds that the new pro tem speaker will fix the date for the next sitting of the house in consultation with the leader of the house.

Meanwhile, Mr N.T. Rama Rao in a letter to the governor said he still enjoys the majority support in the assembly and therefore he should be called to form the government immediately. He pointed out that the previous state governor had given 30 days time to Mr Bhaskara Rao to prove his majority on the floor of the house and the time limit will be over by tomorrow.

Leaders Trade Charges on Assembly Adjournment

BK121615 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 12 Sep 84

[Excerpts] The Andhra Pradesh assembly was again adjourned today for the day without transacting any business. The trouble started soon after the house met this morning when a ruling Telugu Desam member, Mr Thomas Chowdary, raised a point of order. The house will now take up the motion of confidence in the Bhaskara Rao ministry tomorrow.

Our Hyderabad correspondent reports that an object tied with a thread was rolled into the well of the house at about 1120 when the assembly was in session. The controller of explosives has since confirmed that the paperweight-size object was an explosive one. It was later defused. The legislative secretary said that security arrangements will be further tightened in and outside the house tomorrow.

Talking to newsmen, the opposition leaders supporting Mr Rama Rao blamed the ruling Telugu Desam and the Congress-I for today's incidents. They alleged that dilatory tactic is being followed. The Congress-I leader Mr Madan Mohan, however, refuted the allegation and said that the members belonging to his party have maintained discipline. He said Congress-I is not interested in the adjournment of the house, but wants a trial of strength.

Mr N.T. Rama Rao and some of the opposition leaders later called on the governor. The members of the legislative assembly supporting Mr Rama Rao also went to the Raj Bhawan [governor's house]. Speaking to newsmen, the Bharatiya Janata Party chief, Mr Vajpayee, said that they asked the governor to direct the pro tem speaker to take up the vote of confidence tomorrow. The Janata Party president, Mr Chandrashekhar, said in a statement that the assembly had been especially summoned for testing the majority claim. He alleged that efforts are being made to put it off.

Meanwhile, the overall situation in Hyderabad is peaceful but tense in the curfew-bound areas. It was relaxed for 2 hours today from 1600. A police spokesman said that the relaxation period was incident free. He said that the death toll in the yesterday's incidents has risen to nine. The spokesman said that two legislators, Mr Narendra and Mr Indrasena Reddy, have been detained under the national security act. The high court has since ordered the production of Mr Narendra in the assembly at the time of the voting of the motion of confidence.

The chief minister, Mr Bhaskar Rao, visited the affected areas of the old city for an on-the-spot study of the situation.

BBC Correspondent Views Session

BK121309 London BBC World Service in English 1200 GMT 12 Sep 84

[Report by Mark Tully on "Radio Newsreel" program]

[Text] And now to India, where amid disorderly scenes the assembly in the southern state of Andhra Pradesh has again been adjourned. It didn't take the crucial vote to decide whether Mr N.T. Rama Rao, the former chief minister dismissed last month, can support his claim to a majority in the assembly rather than the man who replaced him, Mr Bhaskara Rao. Our correspondent in Hyderabad, Mark Tully, says there are now increasing signs that Mrs Gandhi's party has decided to abandon Mr Bhaskara Rao.

[Begin recording] Legislators who support his [as heard] pledge to the new chief minister, Mr Bhaskara Rao, kept up a nonstop barrage of noise in the assembly today until the speaker adjourned it. But significantly, legislators belonging to the Congress-Indira did not join in the pandemonium. The silence of the Congress-Indira was seen to indicate that their enthusiasm for the new chief minister is waning. All the evidence goes to suggest that their support is costing them dearly in political terms in what should be the runup to the general election.

Further evidence of a change of heart in the Congress-Indira circles came when at the end of a 2-hour meeting with the ousted chief minister and other opposition leaders the governor agreed to see Mr Rama Rao's legislators. The governor, who held a senior position in Mrs Gandhi's party before his recent appointment, is the man who has to act as umpire between two rivals. I counted Mr Rama Rao's legislators going through the governor's gate and they constituted a majority. After the meeting, the film star former chief minister, Mr N.T. Rama Rao, clad as usual in the saffron robes of a Hindu holy man, stood on the top of his special campaigning van and acknowledged the cheers of thousands of supporters who had defied curfew. Still sitting on the top of his van, he then settled for the 5-mile drive to his film studios which have been the home of the legislators for the last 3 days. The drive turned into a triumphant cavalcade with spontaneous crowds gathering on the roadside, throwing flowers over the ousted chief minister and shouting long live NTR. Cyclists, motorized rickshaws, and cars formed an impromptu escort. But their jubilation could still turn sour. The governor has not made any announcement yet. [end recording]

Further Commentary

BK130131 London BBC World Service in English 0015 GMT 13 Sep 84

[Mark Tully report in "Radio Newsreel" program]

[Text] The political crisis in the Indian state of Andhra Pradesh is no nearer a solution. For the 2d day running, the state assembly adjourned without taking a vote of confidence on who has more support — the chief minister appointed by Mrs Gandhi, Mr Bhaskara Rao, or the man who was ousted, Mr N.T. Rama Rao. Yesterday, a fleet of buses carried a majority of legislators to the governor's house in Hyderabad to assure him of their support for Mr Rama Rao. His opponent, however, said some were in fact his supporters. But Mark Tully, who traveled with them, says that was definitely not his impression.

[Begin recording] I traveled in one bus and (? there) did not seem to be any doubt about its passengers' loyalty to the ousted chief minister, Mr N.T. Rama Rao. The new chief minister also said that some of those alleged to be Mr Rama Rao's supporters had forged identity cards. All their cards were checked before they were allowed to pass through the gate of the governor's house. When asked why his supporters had disrupted the assembly proceedings for the 2d day running, the chief minister said 16 of his supporters had their houses burned down in Sunday's arson which he blamed on his rival. Mr Bhaskara Rao said the agony his supporters had suffered led them to shout in the assembly.

The assembly is due to meet again today and the motion of confidence in Mr Bhaskara Rao's government is on the list of business again. For all the chief minister's confidence, there are indications that Mrs Gandhi's party's patience is running out. Legislators belonging to that party did not join in the pandemonium in the assembly which certainly seemed designed to force an adjournment so that Mr Bhaskara Rao did not have to prove his majority. The fact that the governor agreed to see Mr Rama Rao's legislators is another indication. There is no doubt that the continuing failure of Mr Bhaskara Rao to prove his majority is a great political embarrassment for Mrs Gandhi's party — not just in Andhra Pradesh, but throughout India. [end recording].

Eight Killed in Terrorist Violence in Punjab

BK130315 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 13 Sep 84

[Text] In Punjab, eight passengers of a bus were killed by some terrorists in Gurdaspur District last night. According to an official spokesman, the Punjab Roadways bus was on its way from Batala to Pathankot when an armed terrorist boarded the bus near village Naushera Mirza Singh near Batala. The terrorist hijacked the bus at pistol point toward a village Chinna on a link road where four of the terrorists were waiting for him. The terrorists brought eight passengers out of the bus and shot them dead on the spot before fleeing from the scene. Senior police and civil officials reached the spot immediately on receipt of information and have launched the massive manhunt for the terrorists.

In another incident last evening, 1 person was killed and another 16 injured in hand grenade blast outside a cinema hall in Jullundur. The blast took place outside one of the exit gates of the cinema when people were coming out during the interval.

Violence Erupts in Tamil Nadu Industrial Strike

BK121629 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 12 Sep 84

[Text] In Tamil Nadu, the 1-day industrial strike called by the Dravida Munnetra Kazagham and some other left wing trade unions was by and large peaceful except for a few incidents.

The state chief secretary, Mr Chockalingam, told newsmen in Madras today that all industrial units in the state functioned normally while the sponsors of the strike claimed a good response to their call. Mr Chockalingam said one bus passenger died as a result of injuries in stone throwing at Tanjavur. Police had to use tear gas to disperse violent crowds near Bharat Heavy Electricals Complex at Tiruchi. One hundred and seventy persons have been arrested throughout the state for indulging in violence. The chief secretary said more than 90 percent of the buses operated normally. The strike call was to protest against what the opposition has called the state government's anti-labor policy.

Two Killed as Police Fire on Madhya Pradesh Riot

BK130303 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 13 Sep 84

[Text] In Madhya Pradesh, two people were killed and two others seriously injured when police opened fire on an unruly group of laborers who attempted to loot a goods train in Rajmundgaon yesterday. According to police, the attempt was a sequel to a clash between two groups of laborers in a mill area at Motipur.

A 2-day curfew has been clamped in the area since yesterday.

BANGLADESH

Shanti Bahini Actions in Chittagong Reported

BK111207 Dhaka THE BANGLADESH OBSERVER in English 5 Sep 84 p 1

[Text] Chittagong, Sep 4 — One person was killed and four others kidnapped by the outlawed Shanti Bahini men at three separate places in Chittagong hill tracts recently.

According to Chittagong hill tracts police, one Balaram Chakma was shot dead by the Shanti Bahini men at Koraitali village of Dighinala upazila [subdistrict] on Friday last. A note terming him a "collaborator of anti-Shanti Bahini force", was found beside his body.

The so-called Shanti Bahini men at gunpoint kidnapped two persons from Kachusari forest area of Baghaisari upazila five days back. Later one of them reportedly got released from their grip after paying a ransom of taka 50 thousand.

One Forest Department contractor Nurul Alam and his clerk Enamul Huq were kidnapped by the armed Shanti Bahini men from the same Kachusari forest area recently. The contractor Nurul Alam was set free when he met their demand of a ransom of taka 50 thousand. But the clerk Enarmul Huq has not yet been released by the Shanti Bahini men.

NEPAL

Agreement Reached in Tourism Talks With PRC

OW121327 Tokyo KYODO in English 1251 GMT 12 Sep 84

[Text] Katmandu, Sept 12, KYODO — China will open its Khasa township in south Xizang via Katmandu for third country visitors this fall, or in early 1985.

This was stated by the director general of Nepal's Tourism Department, Janak Thapa, emerging from the third and final round of Nepal-China talks on trans-Himalayan tourism here Wednesday.

The Khasa township lies about 170 kilometers northeast of Katmandu and is connected by the Kodari highway which was built with Chinese assistance in 1966.

Thapa, who led the Nepalese team to the talks, said the Chinese have "agreed in principle" to open Lhasa, capital city of the Xizang autonomous region, for tourism from Nepal on a phased basis.

Opening Lhasa was one of the focus of the talks.

The Chinese side explained that phasing was important because of Xizang's limited experience in handling international visitors and also because of limited facilities existing there at present.

China has also agreed that trekking routes leading to various parts of Xizang would also be opened through traditional entry points such as Rasuwagadhi and Kerung in central Nepal and Olanchungola in the east.

But here too the Chinese side said it is going one by one, Thapa remarked.

There are a total of 17 such entry points, most of them closed, along Nepal-China border.

Private agencies will handle tours visiting Xizang from the Nepal side and the role of the Nepalese Government will be limited to supervision.

The Chinese have said they will take a few groups of 10 to 12 visitors for a few days at one time, to begin with.

No specific agreement was reached during the talks on establishing an airlink between Katmandu and Lhasa, though both sides agreed that the matter was "no less important and needed to be attended to," the director general said.

After Lhasa, places such as Tingri and Xigaze would also be opened for cross border tourism, he said.

In the talks, the Chinese side also shed hints that it would welcome Nepalese enterpreneurs investing in tourism-related industry in Xizang.

On its part, Nepal offered to train Chinese personnel in hotel management and training will be given to 10 to 20 Chinese initially.

The seven-member Tibetan tourism delegation headed by Chen Bing, deputy-director of foreign office in Xizang, returns home Thursday.

PAKISTAN

NAWA-E WAQT Views Opposition to Elections

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[Editorial: "Opposition to Elections — Not Only by Foreign Powers, But Agents as Well!"]

[Excerpts] Baluchistan's acting governor, Lieutenant General K.A. Afridi, has said that some foreign powers were trying to create problems in the holding of elections in order to make the country insecure. But the government will still hold free and just elections according to schedule and they will be completed in 6 months.

If we take into consideration the conditions around us, especially on the eastern and western frontiers where Indian and Soviet troops are massed, the topic which is often discussed by the people is that the Soviet Union and India would endeavor to have the elections postponed and to create a situation such that the vortex of uncertainty and insecurity becomes wider in Pakistan. A strong Pakistan, which would be the outcome of elections on a

democratic basis, would prove a deterrent to their aggressive and belligerent objectives. Besides, the confrontation and the tug-of-war which would result if elections were not held would strengthen those external powers which have aggressive designs against Pakistan.

The opposition to the holding of elections in Pakistan is not limited only to belligerent external powers. There are certain elements and lobbies in the country opposing the election. At the top of the list are those whose ideological loyalties lie outside the country and whose leanings toward either India or the Soviet Union, or both, are not hidden. If India and the Soviet Union wish there not be elections in Pakistan — their ulterior motive is that there may be uncertainty, instability, and tension due to the constant tug-of-war and insecurity which would be a logical concomitant if this were so — then the lobbies acting on behalf of Moscow and New Delhi would not hesitate to come into action to create circumstances whereby elections would not be held in Pakistan. These lobbies are not very covert; but there are other more dangerous elements whose personal interests,even though they may not have any foreign links, demand that the situation not change in Pakistan. They are those who are in posts which they would not hold if the government changes as a result of the elections. Hence, they will make covert but consistent efforts to see that no change is implemented which might harm their interests, which they now accrue under various appellations (such as ministers, bureaucrats, Majlis members, and neo-bureaucrats). Since these individuals are there with the blessings of the administration, they will continue to oppose the elections behind the scenes. Their activities stem from their selfishness and egocentricity. Therefore, care should be taken to keep a vigilant eye on both the external and internal opponents — their agents, and their aspirations — and their efforts should be foiled.

SRI LANKA

Armed Forces, Police To Receive 'Extra Powers'

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[Text] The Armed Forces and the police will be given extra powers and the whole nation will be mobilized to meet the terrorist threat. This was stated by the minister of state and Cabinet spokesman, Dr Anandatissa de Alwis, yesterday.

Addressing newsmen after the Cabinet meeting, he said that the decision was made by the ministers, who discussed the security position in the island, particularly in the northern province.

It has also been agreed that ministers and MP's should as far as possible avoid public functions that tended to be [word indistinct]. In a situation when many members of the armed services, the police, and the public had been killed, it was necessary that the nation should mourn the losses along with the bereaved families.

He pointed out that some development projects, particularly those in the northern province, would be postponed and the money voted for them would be diverted to defense.

Dr de Alwis said that the wholehearted support had been expressed for the efforts of the president and the minister of national security to meet the threat posed to the nation.

Pakistan's Yaqub Khan Meets Leaders, Concludes Visit

Second Velayati Meeting

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[Text] The second round of talks between Foreign Minister Velayati and Pakistani Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan continued this morning at the Foreign Ministry. Important international issues and developments in the region in particular were discussed during this round of talks.

Our correspondent reports that during his talks with his Pakistani counterpart our country's foreign minister described Iran's clear and decisive stance with regard to the issue of Afghanistan and the support for the struggle of the Muslim people of that country.

Referring to the treacherous Camp David accord and its adverse effects in the Muslim world, he said: One of the most important repercussions of this treachery was that Muslim and non-Muslim countries were no longer discouraged from recognizing the Zionist regime. Thus in its fight against the Zionist regime, as in the past 2 years, the Islamic Republic of Iran has been seriously pursuing a plan for the expulsion of the regime occupying Jerusalem from international bodies, especially the United Nations. Referring to the president's recent trip, he said: The most important objective of the first visit by the president of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the three brother countries of Syria, Libya, and Algeria was concerned with this issue and the drawing up of plans for the struggle against the regime occupying Jerusalem.

During the talks the Pakistani foreign minister endorsed Velayati's remarks regarding support for the struggle of the Muslim people of Afghanistan and the serious struggle against the regime occupying Jerusalem, and said: Pakistan supports Iran's plan for the expulsion of Israel from international circles and the United Nations. Condemning the use of chemical weapons, he also declared his support for the resolution against their use proposed at the United Nations by the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Meeting With Khamene'i

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[Text] Mr Sahabzada Yaqub Khan, the minister of foreign affairs of Pakistan, who has traveled to Tehran at the head of a political delegation, met and conferred this evening with Mr Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i, the president.

In the meeting, which was also attended by Mr Velayati, the foreign affairs minister, and the ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran to Pakistan, the Pakistani foreign minister first conveyed the warm greetings of Mr Mohammad Ziaul Haq, the president of Pakistan, and then explained the useful results obtained from his talks with high-ranking officials of our country on the expansion of political and economic relations.

Mr Khamene'i then thanked the president of the friendly and fraternal country of Pakistan for his war greetings. Expressing his satisfaction with the friendly visits paid by the two countries' officials with regard to strengthening and expanding relations, he said: These visits are natural because historic, geographic, and cultural common points necessitate them. In conclusion, referring to the political situation in the region, our country's president placed emphasis on the Palestinian issue and the many other problems facing world Islam which must be solved by the unity and coordination of Muslim countries.

Meeting With Hashemi-Rafsanjani

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[Text] Mr Sahabzada Yaqub Khan, the foreign minister of Pakistan, and his accompanying delegation met Majlis Speaker Mr Hashemi-Rafsanjani yesterday afternoon. According to a report by our correspondent, Mr Yaqub Khan expressed his joy over his trip to the Islamic Republic of Iran and his hope for expanding all ties between the two countries. He noted that expansion of ties between the two sides would be to their mutal advantage and to the advantage of the region.

Mr Hashemi-Rafsanjani then delivered a speech. Referring to relations between the two countries and the current affairs of the region, he expressed the hope that the Islamic countries will create friendly and fruitful ties in order to further their goals. While describing the just position of the Islamic Republic with respect to the imposed war, he said: The conditions we have announced for ending the imposed war are very just. We are fully capable of ending this war while achieving our wishes. However, those countries which are not prepared to accept the Ba'thist Iraqi regime as the aggressor and instigator of this war but talk of peace and ask us to forgive the aggressor, are in fact further fanning the flames of the war. This is because they allow the one who started the war to hide his crimes and arrogance. The resistance of our innocent nation is increasing, and the people are adament about obtaining their rights by force. However, if there is the smallest hope to end the war by means other than the war, then the countries of the region must decisively condemn Saddam Husayn, recognize our rights, and find a way to bring the oppressor to trial. If the oppressive countries of the world think that they can stop us with sneaky tricks they are mistaken. We are capable of pursuing our course.

13 Sep Departure

LD130513 Tehran IRNA in English 0504 GMT 13 Sep 84

[Text] Tehran, Sept. 13, IRNA — Foreign Minister of Pakistan Sahabzada Yaqub Khan ended his two-day visit to Iran and left here Thursday morning. The Pakistani minister was seen off at Tehran's Mehrabad Airport by his Iranian counterpart 'Ali Akbar Velayati.

During his two-day stay in Iran, Sahabzada Yaqub Khan met and conferred with Prime Minister Mir-Hoseyn Musavi, Majlis

Speaker 'Ali Akbar Hojjat ol-Eslam val-Moslemin Hashemi-Rafsanjani, Velayati and other high-ranking Iranian officials.

During his talks with Velayati, the Pakistani official announced his country's support for the Islamic Republic's plan to expel the Zionist regime from the United Nations and other international organisations.

Cabinet Assesses President Khamene'i's Trip
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[Excerpts] In today's session of the Cabinet which was held under the chairmanship of Mir-Hoseyn Musavi, the prime minister, current affairs of the country were discussed. Following this session, the prime minister in an interview with our correspondent talked about the issues discussed in today's Cabinet; the interview follows:

[Begin recording] [Unidentified correspondent] Mr. Musavi, please let us know what were the most important issues and reports discussed in today's session of the Cabinet.

[Musavi] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Among the political issues discussed at the beginning of the meeting, we had a detailed report about the visit of the esteemed president to Syria, Libya, and Algeria. The result of the visits were evaluated and we followed up on the issues being discussed. According to the reports, good progress has been made in those trips in confronting Zionism and imperialism. Areas of closer relations with Syria, Libya and Algeria have been explored. Some decisions have been taken whose outcome will, God willing, be made clear later on. These require continuous work by the four countries. We hope that this working cooperation will continue and produce results.

[Correspondent] During the trip of the high-ranking political delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the three countries, certain agreements were reached concerning overall goals. Please let us know whether programs will be drawn up for the implementation of economicagreements.

[Musavi] This trip was more concerned with political issues than economic ones. In order to implement the agreements reached during those trips there is need for additional contacts with those three countries, including contacts at the foreign minister level. God willing, they will be followed up by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. [end recording]

At the end, referring to leaving the purchase and distribution of rice to the private sector, the prime minister said: On the basis of the guidelines of the Grand Ayatollah Montazeri and the remarks of Mr Hashemi-Rafsanjani, the speaker of the Majlis, from now on the purchase and distribution of rice will be left to the private sector and guilds. The prime minister also said: Apart from the cases which the constitution entrusts to the government, in all other economic activities the individuals can be active can take part in productive industrial and agricultural investment and other activities.

Majlis Speaker Addresses Television Directors
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[Text] Directors of the First Network of the Vision of the Islamic Republic of Iran met with Majlis Speaker Hashemi-Rafsanjani today. During the meeting the Majlis speaker referred to the effective and constructive role of the Vision of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the cultural construction of our society and in reshaping the personality of individuals. He said: The sensitivity of this task is such that carelessness amounts to a crime and incompetence; and if there is any evil intention then that would amount to treason. Surely, only those who agree with the system and who strive for realizing its goals will accept this responsibility. Those who have shouldered the responsibility of working in the Vision of the Islamic Republic should make great effort and with great courage select creative, competent men and suitable subjects in order to develop and safeguard this great school for the benefit of the people.

Referring to the fact that work in radio and television isvery interesting and diversified, the Majlis speaker expounded on the history of constitutionalism and events that took place during the time of the despotic monarchy. He noted that much of this information lies in the archives of various institutes, of which the people have no knowledge. He said: Artists should use their artistic talents to drag these things from the depths of history and to convey them to the people after applying artistic touches. These tasks should be carried out.

Referring to the fact that apart from historical topicsthere are current work, including the war and the government, Hashemi-Rafsanjani said: In all fairness, the government's fundamental work has been more or less described but the revolution has been dealt an injustie from this standpoint. We can provide the people with certain statistics during the Friday prayers, but an artist could influence the people and win them over by presenting issues to them in depth.

Continuing his speech, the Majlis speaker provided guidelines for responsible radio and television officials with regard to the choice of suitable and valuable subjects. Referring to the problem of aircraft hijacking, he said: If you have political, innovative, social, or intellectual minds, you can utilize every problem. For instance, this latest aircraft hijacking is a problem which you could have utilized. However, so far I have not seen any important work on this in the Voice and Vision of the Islamic Republic of Iran! You should make correct use of this incident and place it before public opinion for judgment. During this period certain people took three of our aircraft to Iraq, two passenger aircraft and one fighter. One should ask: Why are these people fighting the government? If they are members of the Hypocrites [Mojahedin-e Khalq organization] who are chanting slogans in the name of Islam and in the name of the people, and if they are nationalists like Bakhtiar who are advancing under the slogan of nationalism since they accept neither God nor morals — the only positive thing about them is nationalism — then these people should be asked: You who claim to fight for the people, could hijacking this people's passenger aircraft and delivering them to the enemy — Iraq — have any benefit for the people? Against whom could our enemy use a war plane? Would it not be used

for killing these very same people? These people who claim to champion the people, how can they justify such actions? This is your task, responsible officials of the Voice and Vision, to work on these problems and to awaken the people. The Islamic Republic will not fall because of losing a few aircraft, but by their actions these people prove their subservience to foreigners; their nature should be explained by the Voice and Vision!

The Majlis speaker then referred to the recent speech by the imam of the Islamic nation in connection with the private sector, and said: The imam's remarks in this connection are extremely delicate and sensitive. All their aspects and dimensions should be understood and an effort should be made to clarify this new, extremely important problem. What is clear is that the imam, the responsible officials, and the government have called for the people to play a greater role in business. Right here certain people might emerge, just as I stated during Friday prayers, who would wish to misuse the correct ideas which the imam wishes to be carried out! The Voice and Vision should prepare an answer to these issues right now and act to prevent such questions coming to the mind of anyone who might misuse them.

President Greets International Trade Fair
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[Text] Tehran Sept. 11, IRNA — President Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i of the Islamic Republic sent a message on the inauguration of the tenth Tehran International Trade Fair Tuesday in which he spoke on the conspiracies of the enemies aimed at defeating the Islamic Revolution of Iran. He said that the holding of the fair served once again to disappoint the enemies in such anti-Iran strategems. It also indicates the vast efforts as well as the innovation, creativity and untiring spirit of the Iranian nation, said the president in his message.

In another part, the president welcomed the numerous countries as well as the active participation of tens of industrial, commercial and agricultural units participating in the fair, despite the poisonous propaganda of the enemies. He said such participation symbolises the world countries respect for Iran's stability and the will of its nation.

President Khamene'i then reiterated that the Islamic Republic welcomed expansion of healthy relations with all the world countries which could assist the Iranian nation in accelerating the country's economic development. Khamene'i then warned that everybody should remember the bitter and long experience of the political and economic domination over the country in the past and should take necessary precautions to avoid such a repetition. He said this was a duty for all those involved in the country's economic issues. In conclusion, the president stressed the importance of non-oil exports of the country.

Meanwhile, the commerce minister, Hasan Abedi-Ja'fari also released a message announcing his ministry's readiness to cooperate with those countries which did not have imperialistic and colonialistic intentions. The tenth Tehran international trade fair opened here today attended by 37 world countries and will last until Sept. 22.

Armed Forces Joint Staff Communique No 1,848
LD121708 Tehran IRNA in English 1625 GMT 12 Sep 84

[Text] Tehran, Sept. 12, IRNA — Thirty-five enemy soldiers were killed and or wounded in battlefronts along border areas in Piranshah, Hajj 'Umran, Sar Dasht, Marivan, and Panjwin on Tuesday.

Also seven artillery emplacements of the Iraqi forces, as well as one artillery piece, four mortar launchers, and five Army trucks of the enemy troops were destroyed in the same areas.

A military communique published by the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran here Wednesday said that sporadic artillery fire was exchanged between Iran's Muslim combatants and the Iraqi troops elsewhere in the battlefronts on Tuesday.

The Joint Staff communique numbered 1,848 said also that nine private houses and shops were damaged in Abadan on Tuesday upon being hit by the Iraqi long-range artillery fire. It said also that on the same day the Iranian Muslim combatants had destroyed eight Iraqi bunkers across the Arvand River.

Elsewhere in the north western fronts on Tuesday, the Iranian combatants maintained their positions and baffled enemy operations in Chuman-Mostafa and the heights overlooking Kani-Manga by opening fire on enemy vehicles.

In the western fronts the Iranian Muslim combatants opened fire on enemy infantry and their engineering equipment destroying 13 larger bunkers and nine surveillance posts and four of their vehicles and thereby preventing enemy infiltration in Shur-Shirin area.

'Massive' Departures for Battlefronts Continue
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[Excerpt] The massive and ever-increasing departures of those responding to the call of Islam and the imam to provide help to the (?combatants) of Islam at the fronts of the war of truth versus falsehood continue.

In this regard, yesterday a group of the people's volunteers of cities and districts of Ramhormoz and the Ramshir left for the fronts of light versus darkness. Following this departure, yesterday afternoon another group of strong combatant youths of Masjed Soleyman district left for the battlefronts against the (?Zionist) enemy amid crushing slogans of, "War, War Until Victory!"

IRGC Volunteers Depart

GF130532 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 13 Sep 84

[Text] Parallel with the sacrifices of the warriors of Islam on the battlefields of the war of right against wrong, a large group of Mobilization and Islamic Revolution Guards Corps volunteers from the cities of Ramsar, Fereydunkenar, Neyshabur, Birjand, Sabzevar, Bojnurd, Ardabil, Khalkhal, Meshkin-shahr, Farsabad, and Mamasani have left for the fronts of the battle against the Zionist enemy in the past 2 days.

Musavi Meets With Outgoing PDRY Envoy

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[Text] Tehran, Sept. 11, IRNA — The outgoing ambassador of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen (PDRY) to the Islamic Republic, Al-Khadir Salih al-Hamzah met with Prime Minister Mir-Hoseyn Musavi here today.

During the meeting, the prime minister conferred with him on the sensitive and important relations between the two countries and said the role of the PDRY served as a stronghold against the Arab reaction and U.S. imperialism. He also expressed hope that the ideals of the steadfastness front would be followed up.

Prime Minister Musavi then spoke on the recent conspiracies in the Red Sea saying that it was an alarm sign for the countries wanting to live independently and not be under the U.S. influence. Such conspiracy undoubtedly has taken place to help the Arab reaction and to bolster the infiltration of the NATO in these Muslim regions.

In conclusion, the prime minister stressed the need for the progressive countries to ally themselves against the United States and the Zionist regime in the region.

The ambassador also expressed satisfaction with the close and expanding relations between the Islamic Republic and South Yemen and stressed the joint views of the two countries on regional issues.

Iraqi Ministers Remarks on Hijacking Scored

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[Text] Following the remarks made by Latif Jasim, the minister of culture and information of the Zionist regime of Saddam Husayn, that his country welcomes Iranian hijackers and would not return hijacked planes, Sheykh ol-Eslam, the political under secretary of the Foreign Ministry of our country said:

The Iraqi regime has shown many times that it attaches no value to humanitarian and international standards. This time, while it is one of the signatories of the 1971 Hague Convention, it clearly acts against it. This is an overt contravention of these laws, encouraging terrorism and kidnapping and disturbing the peace of world airways.

He said: The remarks made by the Iraqi information minister clearly show that if the Iraqi regime remains in power, it will continue to create disturbances, disregarding international standards. This confirms the correctness of the stance of the Islamic Republic regarding the overthrow of Saddam Husayn and the Iraqi Ba'th party in order to maintain peace and calm in the region.

Referring to Iraq's disregard of world public opinion,international institutes, and other relevant bodies concerning the safety of aircraft flights, he called the recent remarks made by the Iraqi information minister firm and undeniable evidence of the intentions and actions of the Iraqi regime against mankind. He said: By not taking a quick and decisive stance regarding the propagation of terrorism and kidnapping by the Iraqi regime, the relevant international institutes have made this criminal regime so bold that it has openly indulged in encouraging such terrorist acts without any fear of being exposed.

He said: Indifference and lack of effective measures in such cases no doubt encourage such terrorist activities and would ultimately have grave and irremediable results on the international scene.

Attempt To Hijack Plane to Iraq Foiled

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[Text] Tehran Sept, 12 IRNA — An attempt to hijack an Iran Air passenger plane on a Tehran-Shiraz flight today was foiled thanks to new security measures enforced by the Iranian officials.

The pilot of the passenger plane was reportedly forced to change its route but security measures taken inside the plane foiled the hijacking plot.

A report reaching here indicated that the hijackers, said to be four, were arrested following a clash at the Isfahan airport, central Iran, where the plane had landed on its way to Tehran.

The report further said that the hijackers intended to take the plane to Iraq via one of the Persian Gulf countries.

Last Saturday another Iranian passenger plane was hijacked and flown to Baghdad by agents of imperialism and Zionism.

These attempts by subservient agents of world arrogance at this juncture are aimed at overshadowing the Islamic Republic's initiative to expel the Zionist regime from international organisations particularly the U.N.

Hijackers Confess Outlawed Affiliation

LD121804 Tehran IRNA in English 1755 GMT 12 Sep 84

[Text] Tehran, Sept. 12, IRNA — Iranian security officials say the disarming of four hijackers aboard an Iran Air passenger plane on a domestic flight between Tehran and Shiraz today has proved that the new spate of hijackings of the Iran planes has been a scheme designed and engineered by the elements of "world arrogance."

They say during the first interrogation members of the group had denied any links with subversive groups, but that a little later on they had declared themselves as "monarchists" while still later at the interrogation they confessed of having been supporters of outlawed Mojahedin-e Khalq Organization (MKO).

An informed source said here in connection with the aborted hijacking that the incident has revealed much about the schemes of the counterrevolutionary elements in which "they are doubtless helped by certain foreign governments." He said the capturing of the group of four hijackers had augured a decisive campaign for ending air piracy in Iran once and for all.

Guard Commander Sends Letter to Khomeyni on Morale

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[Text] Escape, disobedience, and indiscipline have increased among the Guards and mobilization members present at the warfronts.

This subject was stated in a letter sent by Mohsen Reza'i, commander of the Guards' Corps, directly to Ayatollah Khomeyni. The text of the letter by Mohsen Reza'i to Khomeyni was revealed to the Free Voice of Iran correspondent in Tehran by a source close to the commander of the Guards' Corps. In this letter, Mohsen Reza'i has admitted that desertion from the fronts has intensified and that it is not possible to keep the Guards and mobilization members at the warfronts. The letter by the commander of the Guards' Corps to Khomeyni states that leave granted to the Guards has increased and those who had gone on leave from the fronts once in three months are now going on leave every month. Similarly, the mobilization members have been given conditional freedom to come and go. But all these measures have not been effective; they continue to escape or go on prolonged leaves of absence, which are mostly without rhyme or reason. In this confidential letter, which is being revealed for the first time by the Free Voice of Iran, Mohsen Reza'i mentioned clashes between the Armed Forces' personnel and the Guards.

He admitted that the Guards had no control over the clashes because most of those dispatched by the mobilization to the battlefronts supported the Armed Forces.

In the same letter to Khomeyni, Mohsen Reza'i requested that an order be given to launch a fresh suicidal attack within Iraqi soil. Otherwise, the Guards will not be able to control the group absences and escapes of mobilization members and Guards of various districts who have been sent to the fronts against their will.

Meanwhile, in an interview with the *SOBH-E AZADEGAN* newspaper, Bahzad Nabavi said: In my opinion, if we remove the mobilization members from the fronts, the war will come to a complete standstill, but since it is necessary, it is possible to separate the youths from the mobilization [as heard]. The spokesman for the war information headquarters also announced that the return of the mobilization members from the warfronts makes the Guards appear like a lion without a tail and a mane.